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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. k Wh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 720 W '000		Four weeks ended	Coal (e) '000 tonnes
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		
1985-86—																
February		38.8	9,407	10,538	36,321	42,435	504	565	503	518	30.0	31.9	153	156	1985-86—	
March	23,910	40.6	10,265	10,639	40,007	42,332	545	536	508	508	30.7	30.5	124	140	March 8	9,850
April		39.0	9,970	10,516	43,516	47,467	547	581	516	527	25.2	27.8	147	149	April 5	11,485
May		40.7	10,801	10,414	48,382	44,753	585	556	513	476	33.3	29.7	125	140	May 3	10,738
June	22,716	23.3	11,246	10,385	50,418	44,355	562	550	487	487	31.2	29.7	134	144	May 31	14,698
															June 28	14,390
1986-87—																
July		31.2	12,167	10,416	54,154	43,292	520	480	537	509	34.4	27.7	172	155	1986-87—	
August		39.0	11,578	10,618	50,122	44,411	581	563	488	451	29.6	26.2	154	133	July 26	15,066
September	22,984	39.7	10,645	10,638	45,734	42,552	590	584	511	494	28.9	25.8	177	154	August 23	15,385
October		38.3	10,613	10,605	45,784	45,328	562	560	534	495	29.6	25.3	210	166	September 20	15,101
November		37.0	10,104	10,798	39,497	41,791	548	590	516	489	29.4	28.4	185	166	October 18	14,652
December	24,653	32.2	10,346	10,985	38,245	44,943	567	562	480	481	24.0	27.3	169	175	November 15	14,231
January		34.3	10,261	11,086	36,703	46,261	542	540	365	537	6.9	19.7	89	192	December 11	15,756
February		34.1	9,971	11,169	36,042	42,064	473	531	482	496	27.7	29.6	177	180	January 10	3,227
March	24,525	43.3	11,0795	11,009	40,745	42,815	531	518	504	583	27.5	24.3	199	196	February 7	12,812
April		44.0	10,455	11,160	41,706	45,771	463	497	487	514	26.0	30.4	166	185	March 7	15,386
															April 4	16,368

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes internal gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS (d)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woolen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Non-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufacturing division (a) (Base year 1968-69 = 100.0)	Whole milk intake by factories (b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$ m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers (c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1985-86—															
February	3,404	3,764	1,075	950	13,580	13,981	187	196	437.1	462	526	47,616	75.8	42,118	42,117
March	3,286	3,116	1,008	1,043	14,427	14,212	189	200	434.4	411	539	46,516	75.6		
April	3,192	3,288	1,016	940	13,449	13,632	211	218	431.8	312	504	46,276	77.9		
May	4,299	3,332	1,125	1,155	13,935	13,017	191	217	432.3	283	495	37,337	76.8	41,971	42,168
June	3,334	3,023	954	1,097	15,035	13,082	180	195	433.0	281	505	32,907	76.8		
1986-87—															
July	3,665	3,194	1,144	1,070	14,341	12,428	201	185	439.5	335	486	51,900	79.5		
August	3,884	3,363	1,007	1,042	15,170	13,987	186	196	443.8	481	480	91,747	82.1		
September	3,262	2,918	934	927	15,195	14,062	199	191	448.9	639	483	117,094	79.2	43,014	42,690
October	3,884	3,575	1,211	1,029	16,446	13,916	217	195	453.3	765	485	122,824	77.9		
November	3,102	3,045	938	780	14,897	14,115	195	201	456.6	740	495	99,566	76.5		
December	2,450	3,159	715	841	12,087	15,109	191	207	458.7	680	501	65,746	74.6	43,582	43,699
January	849	2,750	531	856	3,647	9,545	179	202	460.8	619	532	42,387	76.3		
February	3,374	3,707	871	768	17,098	17,584	201	201	463.9	473	538	44,813	75.0		
March	3,284	2,987	984	1,163	15,376	13,935	209	201	466.0	442	579	54,990	76.1	44,531	44,540
April	3,596	3,849	1,093	1,161	15,383	14,462	204	202	468.4	367	593	45,479	77.1		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates to non-processed wool only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups (Base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (Base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments— current transactions \$m		Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.			Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1985-86—									
March	2,612	2,604	6,171	5,470	232	146.0	-476	-1,097	12,811
April	2,413	2,965			230		-794	-1,497	12,553
May	2,711	2,744			228		-507	-1,220	12,504
June	2,628	2,736	5,687	5,321	234	140.8	-538	-1,109	13,024
1986-87—									
July	2,582	3,065			242		-884	-1,631	13,439
August	2,673	3,084			246		-811	-1,339	12,686
September	3,076	3,447	5,780	5,187	246	158.8	-830	-1,413	12,615
October	2,959	3,394			245		-911	-1,770	13,316
November	2,965	2,602			244		-229	-824	15,146
December	3,117	3,239	6,580	5,392	243	p160.3	80	521	15,561
January	2,837	3,100			244		-518	-1,312	13,846
February	2,874	3,027			p243		-67	-778	12,604
March	2,009	3,060	6,534	5,207	p242	n.y.a.	-121	-815	13,866
April	2,903	p2,897			p240		-235	-1,050	16,867
May	p3,127	n.y.a.			n.y.a.		-114	-866	16,787

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc.) \$m

Month	Total			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores		New motor cars and station wagons registered 000		Other new motor vehicles registered(b) 000	
	Current prices			Average 1979-80 prices				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	(Original)	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate				
1985-86—											
March	4,163	4,426	4,443	7,823	8,373	1,409	1,417	416	492	34.3	35.4
April	4,285	4,435	4,476			1,380	1,433	450	491	40.4	39.5
May	4,707	4,537	4,517			1,471	1,447	578	495	36.3	33.8
June	4,197	4,589	4,562	8,204	8,410	1,380	1,459	423	502	34.5	33.9
1986-87—											
July	4,479	4,593	4,603			1,453	1,467	508	511	37.0	33.6
August	4,434	4,645	4,635			1,440	1,470	442	519	37.4	35.8
September	4,486	4,664	4,659	8,165	8,486	1,430	1,473	507	527	33.2	33.1
October	4,762	4,684	4,677			r1,522	1,476	r511	535	32.4	31.8
November	4,733	4,667	4,695			r1,482	1,483	r541	541	28.7	30.5
December	6,440	4,719	4,719	9,451	8,387	r1,723	1,493	r1,059	544	31.5	30.5
January	4,621	4,761	4,747			1,523	1,506	470	544	27.6	32.6
February	4,233	4,780	4,780			1,425	1,518	392	542	28.2	31.5
March	4,537	4,757	4,814	r7,777	r8,325	1,495	1,530	463	539	32.0	29.7
April	4,694	4,924	4,845			1,532	1,541	517	537	26.2	27.8
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p29.3	p28.4

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (£)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings, full-time adult persons (£)	Index of minimum award rates of pay: full-time adult persons June 1976 = 100	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each index: Year 1982-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)									
	All males	All females			Average weekly overtime hours per employee	All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and appliances	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(s)
1983-86—														
March				216.4		150.5	146.1	139.0	155.0	152.1	159.0	167.5	133.5	131.2
April				216.5										
May				216.5	1.23									
June	425.50	278.20	409.20	216.9		153.0	149.4	145.4	157.8	154.3	156.4	171.0	139.6	133.4
1986-87—														
July				221.9										
August				221.9	1.16									
September	437.20	282.90	418.90	221.9		157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3	137.0
October				221.9										
November	446.30	287.60	427.20	221.9	1.29									
December				221.9		161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6	139.1
January				221.9										
February	445.30	291.10	429.90	221.9	1.19									
March				225.6		164.7	157.7	153.1	166.2	162.1	176.8	185.2	158.7	143.8
April				225.6										
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	225.6	1.23									

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwelling: '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced, total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Price Index(es)		Private new capital expenditure (\$m)(b)			
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Materials used in house building (Base year 1983-86 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1979-80 = 100.0)	Buildings and structures		Equipment, plant and machinery	
												Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-86—															
March	1,057.8	1,195.2	9.5	10.2	184.9	3,843.3	4,221.7	30.5	33.2	101.2	171.0	1,265	1,468	3,038	3,489
April	1,496.2	1,398.4	10.3	9.5	299.2					101.7	171.6				
May	1,365.2	1,243.2	10.5	9.7	324.6					101.9	172.5				
June	1,789.6	1,682.8	11.3	11.2	715.6	3,904.4	3,755.0	29.8	29.2	102.3	173.6	1,615	1,596	3,691	3,385
1986-87—															
July	1,320.7	1,237.1	11.8	11.1	258.9										
August	1,457.1	1,429.0	9.9	9.8	324.7					102.6	175.4				
September	1,288.1	1,262.7	10.4	10.0	181.5	4,914.5	4,714.0	31.1	29.8	103.2	176.5	1,755	1,796	3,626	3,664
October	1,421.9	1,343.4	10.8	10.0	210.8					104.1	177.9				
November	1,376.9	1,348.8	10.1	10.0	367.6					105.1	178.8				
December	1,404.1	1,390.6	10.4	9.9	291.3	4,023.7	3,990.6	30.4	29.9	105.3	179.4				
January	1,124.5	1,463.7	7.8	9.9	238.0					p105.5	p179.9	1,949	1,698	4,404	4,227
February	1,154.0	1,323.3	9.2	10.0	194.7					p105.8	p180.7				
March	1,512.6	1,452.9	10.3	9.7	274.7	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p106.4	p182.1				
April	1,401.2	1,459.5	9.2	9.2	240.7					p107.1	p183.6	1,562	1,814	3,269	3,741
May	1,429.5	1,363.0	10.5	10.2	231.3					p107.9	p184.8				

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks-- depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Banks \$m	Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m		
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.					
1985-86--											
March	39,316	39,175	44,549	44,459	39,823	40,007	481	151	99	13.30	5,007
April	40,354	41,141	45,521	44,876	41,781	41,191	706	173	97	12.65	9,255
May	40,624	41,068	44,748	44,905	41,038	40,742	734	141	100	12.70	7,276
June	42,602	42,486	44,346	44,562	41,022	41,083	699	125	85	12.80	6,243
1986-87--											
July	43,392	43,722	44,261	44,513	41,827	41,679	840	157	76	14.50	5,113
August	43,924	44,005	43,567	44,083	41,904	42,053	692	166	68	15.10	6,326
September	43,931	44,083	43,466	43,639	41,998	42,305	742	177	68	15.15	5,025
October	44,122	44,204	44,293	44,327	43,256	42,786	914	193	73	14.30	4,990
November	44,395	44,575	43,653	43,771	42,776	42,719	816	164	67	14.25	6,293
December	45,681	45,040	44,511	43,802	43,555	43,361	899	153	66	14.05	5,481
January	45,669	45,334	45,098	45,064	43,917	44,355	679	133	57	14.70	15,847
February	45,914	45,087	45,246	45,134	43,637	44,288	871	167	69	15.05	15,943
March	47,671	47,511	46,617	46,524	44,404	44,591	907	162	75	14.50	7,064
April	48,953	49,919	46,703	46,008	44,574	44,934	931	167	75	13.85	10,748
May	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	46,427	46,701	45,497	45,187	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	13.25	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebuc bonds.

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(Bm)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1983-86—														
December	64,559	59,183	4,593	2,273	59,966	56,910	37,059	35,009	11,753	11,371	10,028	9,538	4,510	4,464
March	57,426	60,305	1,665	2,333	55,761	57,972	34,215	35,637	10,920	11,551	8,703	9,725	3,775	4,404
June	5,9116	61,511	1,243	2,266	57,873	59,245	36,045	36,527	12,597	11,865	9,876	9,327	5,307	4,286
1986-87—														
September	62,301	62,440	1,884	2,337	60,417	60,103	37,425	37,591	11,660	12,152	9,991	9,975	4,481	5,812
December	65,930	64,865	4,110	2,419	65,820	62,446	40,411	38,261	12,681	12,264	11,153	10,689	4,883	4,760
March	63,577	66,466	2,093	2,544	61,484	63,922	37,800	39,246	11,609	12,274	9,147	10,230	4,880	4,774
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES														
1983-86—														
December	40,194	36,374	3,939	2,126	36,255	34,248	22,588	21,267	7,014	6,756	5,938	5,661	2,595	2,568
March	34,255	36,326	1,537	2,170	32,718	34,156	20,208	21,113	6,336	6,732	5,034	5,621	2,103	2,457
June	34,770	36,218	1,378	2,117	33,392	34,101	21,608	21,266	7,373	6,928	5,578	5,255	2,948	2,397
1986-87—														
September	35,855	36,243	1,662	2,149	34,193	34,094	21,165	21,284	6,522	6,821	5,411	5,460	2,398	2,665
December	40,585	36,947	3,807	2,238	36,778	34,709	22,367	21,116	7,098	6,831	5,942	5,859	2,533	2,509
March	35,287	37,162	1,873	2,264	33,414	34,898	20,377	21,219	6,410	6,809	4,774	5,330	2,136	2,498

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Wages, salaries and supplements		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Household income (original)			
							Companies		Other		Wages, salaries and supplements		Total household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Household disposable income
1983-86—														
December	11,574	11,635	9,473	9,477	31,265	29,739	8,564	7,812	17,732	14,506	31,264	53,652	7,661	45,991
March	10,950	11,532	9,721	9,925	29,403	30,782	7,004	7,515	13,802	15,060	29,401	46,942	9,132	37,810
June	10,963	11,048	9,144	8,979	31,304	31,249	7,299	7,772	13,636	15,709	31,309	51,153	14,173	36,980
1986-87—														
September	12,270	11,556	9,745	9,715	31,721	32,066	7,926	7,623	15,959	15,787	31,734	51,401	8,999	42,402
December	12,113	12,174	11,053	10,989	34,170	32,456	9,698	8,863	18,743	16,077	34,160	57,730	8,994	48,736
March	11,289	11,897	10,583	11,079	31,326	32,839	8,417	9,006	15,930	17,019	31,310	51,370	10,751	40,613

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

**SURVEY
OF JOB
VACANCIES
(d)**

LABOUR FORCE(a)

Month	Employed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployed(b) ('000 persons)				Unemployment rate(b) (per cent)		Participation rate(b) (per cent)		Number of job vacancies ('000)
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total						
	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	Original	Seas. adj.(c)	
1986—													
March	5,638.5	5,614.2	6,926.3	6,879.1	506.7	480.8	640.4	593.2	8.5	7.9	62.4	61.6	
April	5,620.1	5,640.2	6,962.1	6,959.5	483.1	484.7	606.9	597.1	8.0	7.9	62.3	62.2	
May	5,615.8	5,629.7	6,944.5	6,938.5	483.3	486.9	592.2	591.5	7.9	7.9	62.0	61.9	54.4
June	5,634.9	5,660.7	6,972.7	6,979.2	457.0	469.1	561.9	577.0	7.5	7.6	61.9	62.0	
July	5,631.2	5,624.4	6,958.4	6,946.6	490.9	515.4	594.2	627.4	7.9	8.0	61.9	62.1	
August	5,582.4	5,640.1	6,885.7	6,942.9	490.7	504.4	595.6	623.5	8.0	8.2	61.2	61.9	48.6
September	5,666.9	5,642.4	7,007.6	6,965.7	517.6	525.3	631.6	630.5	8.3	8.3	62.4	62.0	
October	5,661.9	5,667.5	7,000.3	6,984.0	485.9	529.1	590.1	639.3	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.1	
November	5,647.6	5,648.4	7,006.9	6,966.4	489.1	531.8	583.3	636.7	7.7	8.4	61.7	61.8	51.9
December	5,724.0	5,653.9	7,092.0	7,014.8	545.7	538.4	655.5	644.5	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1	
1987—													
January	5,648.8	5,658.6	6,878.3	7,020.4	529.3	523.7	671.4	638.3	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.0	
February	5,681.0	5,671.4	6,998.2	7,041.4	581.1	518.9	699.6	631.9	9.1	8.2	62.2	62.0	62.7
March	5,706.2	5,681.7	7,109.1	7,060.2	562.4	533.5	702.5	650.6	9.0	8.4	63.0	62.2	
April	5,687.5	5,708.3	7,087.7	7,084.6	530.8	529.5	652.1	640.8	8.4	8.3	62.3	62.2	
May	5,680.2	5,695.4	7,084.0	7,077.6	530.6	533.7	635.0	634.0	8.2	8.2	62.0	62.0	53.8

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

**EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
PERSONS ('000)**

Month	Australia													Total Govt. and Private
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Government					
									Private	Commonwealth	State(s)	Local	Total	
1986—														
January	1,874.9	1,521.0	792.4	458.0	490.4	140.7	52.8	112.2	3,781.9	431.6	1,074.3	151.7	1,657.6	5,439.4
February	1,917.8	1,548.1	807.3	468.6	503.7	143.4	55.4	114.9	3,852.9	434.1	1,113.6	155.5	1,703.2	5,561.1
March	1,926.6	1,556.2	807.6	470.9	505.9	145.8	55.6	116.6	3,854.7	434.2	1,136.4	155.9	1,726.5	5,581.2
April	1,912.5	1,568.0	813.3	470.6	502.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,737.3	5,585.9
May	1,906.3	1,569.9	815.1	468.3	504.6	147.1	58.9	117.1	3,860.0	442.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2
June	1,929.9	1,581.4	819.5	470.5	509.9	148.8	60.0	118.5	3,848.1	442.1	1,148.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5
July	1,940.4	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,846.6	480.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,626.9
August	1,928.3	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8
September	1,930.3	1,567.5	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,154.3	157.2	1,751.1	5,601.5
October	1,946.5	1,566.9	804.0	483.0	515.4	149.0	56.8	121.3	3,889.4	438.7	1,158.5	156.3	1,753.3	5,643.0
November	1,962.3	1,573.3	802.2	485.1	520.0	151.1	55.5	120.8	3,925.1	438.8	1,153.3	156.1	1,748.2	5,673.3
December	1,959.4	1,579.1	803.0	484.1	521.5	151.5	55.0	120.3	3,948.2	440.1	1,130.1	153.3	1,725.5	5,673.8
1987—														
January	1,917.5	1,537.6	792.7	465.2	515.1	147.5	54.4	117.6	3,871.3	440.2	1,084.0	152.0	1,676.2	5,547.4
February	1,933.5	1,567.7	807.0	474.0	526.9	148.8	55.1	120.8	3,940.5	441.0	1,117.4	154.8	1,713.2	5,653.8
March	1,964.7	1,579.7	808.9	477.2	524.3	152.4	54.7	121.6	3,941.7	442.4	1,144.4	155.1	1,741.9	5,683.6

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings: Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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